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**The following statement is from Eduard Kokoity,
President of the Republic of South Ossetia:**

“The thoughts and prayers of the citizens of South Ossetia are with the people of Haiti in the aftermath of the violent earthquake that struck their nation earlier this week. Our country experienced a 7.0 earthquake in 1991, and we can empathize with the strength and devastation of such an event. I offer my heartfelt concern to President René Garcia Préval in this difficult time.”